

I support the democratic exchange of ideas...

I am writing about Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. I support the democratic exchange of ideas and believe that democracy thrives when the public airwaves are open, local, and independent from corporate interests. The current structure of regulations, adopted by the FCC in 1996, disrupted the flow of information in a democratic capitalist nation like the U.S.

I urge the government and FCC commissioners to return to the practice of democracy by opening of the current discussion of media rules to the public. The preservation of democratic principles depends on public airwaves and the unfettered flow of ideas and a forum for public debate.

I have heard that FCC commissioners met with the leading executives of transnational media corporations more than 70 times in the past few months, while meetings with public advocacy groups have been limited to just five such meetings. This flagrant example of corporate bias on the part of the FCC's majority commissioners indicates that the FCC is not serving the public but a small segment of the world's most rich corporate executives.

Thank you,

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